

POETRY.

THE LITTLE HELPER.

Sometimes, when you, dear little one,
Have closed your eyes and gone to
sleep,
When all my daily tasks are done,
Beside you I sit down to weep.
To watch you smiling while you dream
All pure at heart, from trouble free
And, though you know not of your
You make me long for worthiness.
And lure my lost hopes back to me.

Sometimes, when all my efforts cease
To be of any avail, and when
My wish to claim the world's esteem
And be the peer of worthy men
Is vain.

Beside you where you sleeping lie,
 And, as I watch, my hopes return.
 And through your trust in me I learn
 To keep ideals that are high.

Sometimes, when night's deep shadows descend,
 And a lightning bolt against the pines
 When 'neath the storm the branches bend
 And all the dripping boughs come down
 To wash the plain,

I watch you where you sweetly sleep,
 Your trust in me serene, secure,
 And, though you do not know, you keep
 My doubts away and let me keep
 My faith unsoiled, my purpose pure.

Herald.
 A SONG OF ETERNITY IN TIME.
 Once at night, in the manor Wood,
 My love and I long silent stood,
 Amused that any heavens could
 Dwell so close to his mortal blood.
 My love, in timeless love and grief
 Reached forth and drew aside a veil
 That, like above us played the time
 And stole our starlight that for us was
 shining.
 A star that had remarked her pain
 Shone straightaway down that painful
 lane.
 And brought his image, mirror plain
 Within a tear that on her cheek lay
 gleaming.
 "And time," I cried, "but a tear
 Someone hath wept, 'twist, how a tear
 can be so long!"

feared.
 "Yet in his little innocent sphere
 Our King's state, Eternity, is becom-
 ing."
 —Sidney Lanier.

VIEWS AND VARIETIES

Clever Sayings

"Do you know the woman in the saloon next to you well enough to speak to?" "Well enough." "I know her well enough to speak to." —London Opinion.

"You want to go back to your husband, do you? How did you tell him?" "I bought myself a new hat and sent him the bill." —Fliegende Blätter.

"Oh, yes," the author began. "Some of the women folks claim that he said it and is bowlegged."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Did Tamkins take his punishment like a man?" asked Lollybly. "Yes, but he did," laughed Doubbleb. "He was a good fellow and belted and used strong language to bust creation."—Harper's Weekly.

Japanese Host—Then you think the United States ready for war? Visitor.—Sure of it! I know positively that your government within 24 hours can put every man, woman and child in every boy scout in the country.—Punch.

"My present patient," said the pretentious nurse, "is a peevish old millionaire."

"Never mind. He may ask you to marry him." "Yes, he may. He hasn't come around out of other requests," said Karpis.

"John, I have decided to sue for divorce. How much alimony will you agree to pay me?" "How much will I have to pay you to keep you from going back on your promise to sue?" Chicago Record-Herald.

"What do you hot just had what was described as a little nut?" My bill waiter. Walter—Yes, sir. Now, let me see, what did you have? Dinner—Have not the slightest idea.—M. A. P.

Departing Guest—You've got a pretty place here. Frank, but it looks a bit bare. What are you doing about it this year. Mr. Vandyke. —Pope John's.

will have grown to a good size before you come again—London Opinion.

Geoff: "Isn't it a great relief when you've been suffering from toothache to summon up your courage and go to the dentist?"

Mr. Lippincott: "I guess so. Did the dentist relieve you?"

Geoff: "You bet! He wasn't in!"

Mr. Lippincott: "Toledo Blade."

Professor (coming from his club triumphantly holding up his umbrella to his wife): "You see, my dear Alma, you and I are all the time surrounded by our benevolence. I haven't forgotten my umbrella. Mrs. Professor—But, my dear, you didn't take your umbrella with you. You left it at home.—Lippincott's Magazine."

MUCH IN LITTLE

Women frequenters of the British Museum refused to make use of desks which are marked "For ladies only."

There is a record of 2778,000 enlistments during the civil war. It is stated that of this number not fewer than 2,159,798 were under 32 years of age. Those under 19 numbered 1,154,438, and those under 17 years 844,859.

In no other country in the world, it is claimed, are there such vast, varied and valuable deposits of gypsum as in Nova Scotia. The exposures show beds of from a few feet to hundreds of feet in thickness, ranking in color from

Income tax statistics for the citrus subjects show that of the empire's total population of 160,000,000 only about 400,000 have incomes running from \$515 to \$1,030 a year. On the other hand, 3,500 subjects have an average of yearly incomes amounting to \$277,000, very nearly as much as the 400,000, who have \$285,000,000.

For economical selling and buying purposes in the administration of their affairs, the Mita and Lala plantations, the Mindanao Estate Company, the Davao Agricultural company and the C. D. Wilson and Pioneer planta-

Oats constitute three-fourths of the food upon which the Russian herds are made to subsist during the 12 months of the year. Russian oats, however, are inferior in sustaining power to the American oat crop. It is estimated that animals do not become fat on this steady diet as they do on the hay and corn products in the United States.

Albion fishing in Nova Scotia waters has become so important not only for the sport but for financial reasons. These fish frequently weigh

over 500 pounds and are known as horse mackerel. A number were shipped to Boston last season. The prices for these fish were from one pound. Formerly these fish were considered a nuisance by the fishermen.

From a report recently received in Paris by the government department answering to the British board of trade, it would appear that the woolen goods are in a fair way not only of providing woolen goods for home consumption, but also of entering into competition with Europe in their trade in their eastern countries. This is with a country which is very little adapted for wool growing, would be an accomplishment quite equal to that

g. Acquired by Lancashire in cotton
goods.